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Title:	DIFFERENTIAL GENE EXPRESSION IN SCHIZOPHRENIA		

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

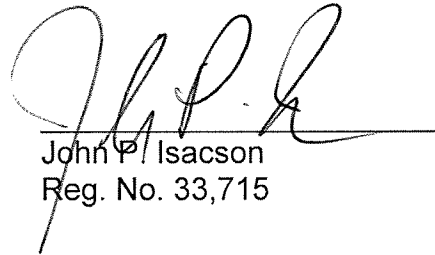
In response to the Office Action mailed March 26, 2008 (Paper No. 20080311), applicants hereby elect with traverse the claims of Group IV (claims 36-40 and 49-50), as set forth by the examiner. Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that the examiner has not demonstrated the requisite "serious burden" needed to justify a restriction requirement. See MPEP § 803(II) at 800-4 (Rev. 5., August 2006). Given that the examiner is likely to conduct searches in related classes, applicants submit that that there would be no serious burden to examine all of the claims, or at least the claims of Group VII (claims 44-48).

Applicant petitions for a three-month extension of time, as well as any other needed extension, and provides the requisite fee herewith. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 50-3840.

A first office action on the merits is awaited. It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for examination, and an early action on the merits is courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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